

DURHAM COUNTY MEMORIAL STADIUM AUTHORITY  
(Minutes of the May 22, 2007 meeting)

The County Memorial Stadium Authority ("The Authority") reconvened at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 in the Old Durham County Courthouse in Durham, North Carolina.

Members present included Chairman Tommy Hunt, Vice Chairman Willie Bradshaw, Ms. Becky Heron, and Dan Moushon. Also present were Mike Ruffin, County Manager; Heidi York, Assistant County Manager; Laura Jenson (UNC-CH Intern with the manager's office); Mike Turner, Director of General Services/Stadium Manager; Curtis Massey, Esquire Assistant County Attorney; Ray Ellis, General Services, Ground Maintenance Supervisor and the undersigned, Deborah Booth, General Services, Administrative Assistant.

On motion, the minutes of the April 24, 2007 regular quarterly meeting were approved, with the correction of "Curtis Massey ~~resided~~ presided" in paragraph three.

The Authority next moved to discuss Old business with a report from Mike Turner. The request for American Working Dog Federation (AWDF) was withdraw by Chris Ramussen, as the National AWDF Board has not selected a location for the 2008 national competitions. Mike also reported the additional information requested from Rated R Records was not submitted and the Authority denied the request. There was a schedule conflict with the Decimo Carnival Carolina date and the organization has not requested another date for consideration. Aja Wiggins' requested for use of the stadium was approved contingent upon the outstanding debt of the Battle of the Bands, (the company acquired by Aja Wiggins) must be paid in full, by June 15, 2007.

The Authority proceeded to other matters on the agenda as follows: Heidi York presented an update on Shaw University's request for stadium improvements and long terms use of the County Stadium. Present from Shaw University were Martel Perry, Executive Vice-President; Terry Spicer, media relations; and Eva Blakney, Shaw University Intern. Heidi presented the Phase 1 (2008), Phase 2 (2009) and Phase 3 (2010) stadium renovations. Phase 1 consisted of the artificial turf, 8 lane collegiate track, score board replacement, a new marquee at the corner of Duke Street and Stadium Drive. Phase 2 renovation included Press Box replacement, new bleachers, sound system, lighting enhancements, and other facility improvements. Phase 3 included only review and consideration for a field house. Mike Turner updated the Authority on the short-term improvements noting that Shaw had accepted the agreement for improvements totaling \$98,719. He also informed the Authority of Shaw's request for a practice field for the 2007 season. The Authority agreed that the Manager's staff and the County Attorney's Office would negotiate an agreement with Shaw and draft a land lease. A Special call meeting would then be called by the chairman for review and approval of the practice field lease by the Authority in mid-June 2007.

The Authority proceeded to other matters on the agenda as follows:

1. Dates for Shaw University were approved for use of the stadium for their 2008 (Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>) and 2009 (Sept 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, Oct 10<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> & Nov 7<sup>th</sup>) football season. Rental rates were not set at this time, but will be revisited in the future.
2. Durham Public School - Northern High School (NHS) was approved for use of the stadium to play high school varsity football (Aug 24<sup>th</sup>, Sept 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> and Oct 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007); junior varsity football (Sept 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, and Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007) and to reserve four play-off dates (Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007).
3. Carolina Falcons (CF) were approved for use of the stadium to play semi-professional football (Aug 11 & 18<sup>th</sup>, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, and Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007) at the rental rate for semi-pro football (out-of-county) at \$1,050 per game, plus the stadium attendant fee.
4. Raleigh-Durham Knights (RK) were approved for use of the stadium to play semi-professional football (Jul 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, Aug 4<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 200 at the rental rate for semi-pro football (in-county) at \$725 per game, plus the stadium attendant fee.
5. Tri-County Panthers (T-CP) was approved for use of the stadium to play Pop Warner football (Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007) at \$550 per day plus the stadium attendant fee.
6. Downtown Durham Athletic Association (DDAA) was approved for use of the stadium to play Pop Warner football (Sept. 22, 2007 and Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007) at \$550 per day plus the stadium attendant fee.
7. Little River Community Complex (LRCC) was approved for use of the stadium March 31<sup>st</sup> through April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008, for their spring 2008 Carnival at the rate of \$500 for the use of the stadium parking lot.

There being no further business to come before the Authority upon motion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

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